valid and in effect, despite any procedural defect with respect to such acts, ordinances and resolutions.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved April 9, 1974.

## CHAPTER 239

(House Bill 1112)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Freedom of Information Act

FOR the purpose of regulating public access to certain official records in Charles County[[, and]]; defining certain terms; exempting certain kinds of records and certain bodies from the provisions of this Act; permitting closed meetings by certain bodies under certain circumstances; and providing a means of relief to any person denied access to certain records.

BY adding to

Article 76A - Public Information Section 2(e) and 6, the latter to be under the new subtitle "Freedom of Information Act" Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 2(e) and 6, the latter to be under the new subtitle "Freedom of Information Act," be and they are hereby added to Article 76A — Public Information, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 76A - Public Information

2.

(E) IN CHARLES COUNTY, EXCEPT FOR RECORDS KEPT BY OFFICIALS, AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, PUBLIC INFORMATION SHALL BE REGULATED BY